DEC 1 2 7003 Abstract of the Disclosure:

A method for producing novel catalysts comprising of Group VIII metal along with a partially reducible metal oxide, zirconium oxide, lanthanum oxide and aluminum oxide is disclosed. These novel catalysts retain their catalytic activity even in the presence of significant quantities of sulfur compounds. This makes them attractive in the conversion of hydrocarbons into hydrogen; a process for the same is also disclosed.